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From: Corley, Cherrie
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2011 3:06 PM
To: Corley, Cherrie
Subject: FW: OMB Letter re: Conferences (ML112990035)

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From: Dyer, Jim
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2011 9:17 AM
To: Greene, Kathryn
Cc: Ash, Darren; Schoenmann, Sandra; Rowhani, Bahman; Norris, Michael L
Subject: RE: OMB Letter re: Conferences (ML112990035)

Then I want to make sure the letter to OMB is clear on that point since the results from the CFO Act agencies are going to be compiled and provided to the Vice President. NRC will have completed their review of historical conference expenses and did not identify any excessive conference expenses, but we have not completed implementation of the enhancements to our conference controls that would allow the EDO to certify that "appropriate policies and controls are in place to mitigate the risk of inappropriate spending practices with regard to conferences". As a result the EDO will continue to "clear all conference related activities and expenses". I suspect we'll have to notify OMB when we have the enhanced controls in place.

Jim

From: Greene, Kathryn
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2011 8:17 AM
To: Dyer, Jim
Cc: Ash, Darren; Schoenmann, Sandra; Rowhani, Bahman; Norris, Michael L
Subject: Re: OMB Letter re: Conferences (ML112990035)

The certification will come after the OMB response. I anticipate the week after next, since we are getting you and OGC the memo for concurrence next week.

Sent from an NRC BlackBerry
Kathryn Greene
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From: Dyer, Jim
To: Greene, Kathryn
Cc: Ash, Darren

Sent: Thu Oct 27 17:23:01 2011

Subject: RE: OMB Letter re: Conferences (ML112990035)

I'll be happy to sign, but has the Edo certified yet or is that something we'll be doing in the future and we're still having Bill approve all meetings/conferences? Jim

From: Corley, Cherrie

Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 4:36 PM

To: Stewart, Sharon; Garland, Stephanie; Boyer, Rachel

Cc: Mitchell, Reggie; Huth, Virginia; Ash, Darren; Schoenmann, Sandra; Rowhani, Bahman; Greene, Kathryn; Dyer, Jim; Brown, Milton; Hudson, Sharon; Ronewicz, Lynn

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Will do.

Cherrie

From: Stewart, Sharon

Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 4:14 PM

To: Corley, Cherrie; Garland, Stephanie

Cc: Mitchell, Reggie; Huth, Virginia; Ash, Darren; Schoenmann, Sandra; Rowhani, Bahman; Greene, Kathryn; Dyer, Jim; Brown, Milton; Hudson, Sharon; Ronewicz, Lynn

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Cherrie/Stephanie,

Thanks for making the changes to the subject memo. As the green ticket has not been changed, and the memo is already setup for Jim's signature, I recommend that we not change the signature level. Once the changes have been made, please get Darren's concurrence and CFO's concurrence and signature.

Thanks!

Sharon D. Stewart-Clark, Deputy Director

Office of Administration

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From: Corley, Cherrie

Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 3:55 PM

To: Greene, Kathryn; Dyer, Jim; Brown, Milton

Cc: Mitchell, Reggie; Huth, Virginia; Stewart, Sharon; Ash, Darren; Schoenmann, Sandra; Rowhani, Bahman

Subject: RE: OMB Letter re: Conferences (ML112990035)

The green ticket is for Jim's signature (attached). Kathryn is correct about the back and forth on the signature, I didn't attend the last meeting, but Darren confirmed that Jim would sign out the memo, therefore no changes were made to the ticket. OEDO is going to incorporate Jim's changes, so let me know if we need to change the signature level and just have Jim on concurrence. Please advise?

Cherrie

From: Greene, Kathryn

Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 2:55 PM

To: Dyer, Jim; Brown, Milton; Corley, Cherrie

Cc: Mitchell, Reggie; Huth, Virginia; Stewart, Sharon; Ash, Darren; Schoenmann, Sandra; Rowhani, Bahman
Subject: OMB Letter re: Conferences (ML112990035)

Good suggested changes. Thanks.

We have gone back and forth on the signature of this memo so much it's no wonder there's confusion.

We were on a path to capture the EDO's certification in the memo he will sign delegating approval authority to ODs/RAs.

Cherrie, can you check the ticket on this and advise what was finally decided as to signator. Thx

Sent from an NRC BlackBerry
Kathryn Greene
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From: Dyer, Jim
To: Greene, Kathryn; Brown, Milton
Cc: Mitchell, Reggie; Huth, Virginia; Stewart, Sharon; Corley, Cherrie; Ash, Darren; Schoenmann, Sandra; Rowhani, Bahman
Sent: Thu Oct 27 14:02:53 2011
Subject: RE: OMB Letter re: Conferences (ML112990035)

Kathryn, here's my thoughts on the memo:

1. I thought we decided to have Bill sign the letter out and have him certify in the text that we're OK. If so, I would change paragraph 2 first sentence to state "Based on a review of internal policies and controls associated with conference related activities and event, I certify that adequate controls are in place." That way we don't need any memo to files or other documentation for this response.
2. In paragraph 1, sentence 1, I would reference M-11-35 since that's the way OMB tracks responses. Suggested change is "In response to OMB Memorandum M-11-35 of September 21, 2011, "Eliminating...", I am providing..."
3. Paragraph 3, second sentence change to " This amount equates to approximately one tenth percent of the NRC budget in each of the last three years."
4. Paragraph 3, last sentence change to " Attendance at NRC-sponsored conferences and meetings varied widely, with the largest conference numbering over 3000 staff, public and international attendees."
5. I would add a point of contact for followup in case someone at OMB wants to pick up the phone and discuss. I would like OCFO to be kept in the loop with any communications with Danny or his staff so could you add Milton to the POC list?

Jim

From: Greene, Kathryn
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 9:02 AM
To: Dyer, Jim; Brown, Milton
Cc: Mitchell, Reggie; Huth, Virginia; Stewart, Sharon; Corley, Cherrie; Ash, Darren; Schoenmann, Sandra; Rowhani, Bahman
Subject: OMB Letter re: Conferences (ML112990035)
Importance: High

Good morning Jim, Milton,
Attached is our proposed response to OMB on conference/meeting review of expenses. We delivered it to the OEDO mail room last night, and it has OGC concurrence. I hope Darren can review and concur on it by tomorrow so that it can make its way to you by Monday morning. The due date to OMB is Tuesday, November 1. If you have comments, on the response, we would rather get them sooner than later. Virginia sent copies of the proposed response to Reggie earlier in the week.

We are working on the checklist to accompany the memo the EDO will sign out to ODs/RAs. We should have that package finalized by early next week so you should see that for concurrence later in the week. Reggie has been provided a copy of the draft memo and attachments.

Thanks

Kathryn Greene, Director

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